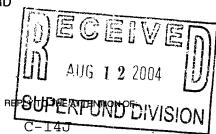


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SUBJECT:

Citizen Swit Under CERCLA

FROM:

Jacqueline Miller

Associate Regional Counsel

TO:

Richard C. Karl, Acting Director

Superfund Division

The Office of Regional Counsel has received the attached notice for a citizen suit. Please review the notice to determine whether U.S. EPA is taking or intends to take enforcement action at the referenced facility or site and convey your determination to me via memorandum (C-14J) or telephone (886-7167), or to Deloris Johnson, telephone (886-6806). Enforcement action initiated by U.S. EPA at the facility or site prior to sixty days after receipt of the attached notice may preclude the citizen suit.

cc: Bertram Frey

Eric Cohen

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June 15, 2004

BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ace Hardware Corporation, Reprographics Division c/o Rita D. Kahle, Registered Agent 2200 Kensington Court
Oak Brook, IL 60523-2100

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws Property Located at 1528 Brook Drive Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Ames Supply Company c/o Robert C. Hildebrandt, Registered Agent 1936 University Lane, Unit C Lisle, IL 60532

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois

Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws

Property Located at 2537 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Arrow Gear Co. c/o James E. Pielsticker, Registered Agent 2301 Curtiss Street Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2301 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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c/o M.S. Blaylock, Registered Agent
2323 Sixth Street
P.O. Box 7007
Rockford, IL 61125

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws

Property Located at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Bales Mold Service, Inc. c/o Michael J. Bales, Registered Agent 2824 Hitchcock Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2824 Hitchcock Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Bison Gear & Eng Corp. c/o Guy E. Snyder, Registered Agent 222 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, Il 60601

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located Ellsworth Industrial Park, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Bridges Electric, Inc. c/o Michael E. Irwin, Registered Agent 407 West Searcy Street Heber Springs, AR 72543

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Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRAL State Laws
Property Located in Ellsworth Industrial Park, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Contemporary Control Systems, Inc. c/o Thomas J. Sisul, Registered Agent 5120 Main Street, Suite 3 Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois

Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws

Property Located at 2431 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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CVP Systems, Inc. c/o Illinois Corporation Service, Registered Agent 801 Adlai Stevenson Drive Springfield, IL 62703-4261

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Diamond Power Specialty, Inc., c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604-1101

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Dicke Tool c/o Grant Dicke, Registered Agent 1201 Warren Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Property Located at 1201 Warren Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Downers Grove Radiator Service, Inc. c/o Michael A. Spada, Registered Agent 1513 Ogden Avenue

Downers Grove, IL 60515-2737

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Property Located at 1517 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Downers Grove Reporter, Inc. c/o Chester J. Winter, Jr., Registered Agent 922 Warren Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515-3600

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Products, Inc.
c/o Raymond Luchetti, Registered Agent
3500 Wolf Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131-1321

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2250 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

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DynaGear, Inc. c/o Robert A. Schuman, Registered Agent 222 South Riverside Plaza, #850 Chicago, IL 60606

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Elite Electronic Engineering Co. c/o James C. Klouda, Registered Agent 1516 Centre Circle Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Flavorchem c/o Salvatore R. Sprovieri, Registered Agent 1525 Brook Drive Downers Grove, IL 60515-1024

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois

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Flexible Steel Lacing Co. c/o Leroy W. Meyer, Registered Agent 2525 Wisconsin Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Fusibond, Inc. c/o Richard H. Krause, Registered Agent 2615 West Curtiss Downers Grove, IL 60515-4003

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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General Battery c/o A. M. Hawkins, Registered Agent 1111 West Long Lake, Suite 300 Troy, MI 48098

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Graphics Plus c/o Richard J. Hejna, Registered Agent 1808 Ogden Avenue Lisle, IL 60532

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Grove Printing, Inc. c/o Registered Agent, Registered Agent 1247 Warren Street Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination, in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Hollister-Stier Laboratories, Inc. c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent 520 Pike Street Seattle, WA 98101

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RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Johnson Printers c/o Willis G. Johnson, Registered Agent 2659 Wisconsin Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Lockformer Company / Met-Coil Systems Corporation c/o Randy Stodola, Registered Agent 711 Ogden Avenue Lisle, IL 60532

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws Property Located at 711 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532-1399

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Lovejoy, Inc. c/o Thomas R. Brininger, Registered Agent 2655 Wisconsin Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Magnetrol International Inc. c/o Judy G. Stevenson, Registered Agent 5300 Belmont Road Downers Grove, IL 60515-4400

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 5300 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Maple Grove Automotive, Ltd. c/o William A. Benson, Registered Agent 2315 Maple Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515-4225

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2315 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Moldtronics, Inc., a/k/a Grayhill Moldtronics, Inc. c/o C. Andrew Miriani, Registered Agent 40 Shuman Boulevard, Suite 150 Naperville, IL 60563

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 703 Rogers Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Molex, Inc. c/o Kim Rice, Registered Agent 2222 Wellington Court Lisle, IL 60532

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 5224 Katrine Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Morey Corporation c/o Richard R. Morey, Registered Agent 100 Morey Drive Woodridge, IL 60517

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois

Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws

Property Located in Ellsworth Industrial Park, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Norwood Marking Systems, a/k/a Norwood Marking & Equipment Co., Inc.
c/o Prentice Hall Corporation, Registered Agent
33 North. LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2538 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Packard Instrument Company, Inc. c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2200 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL 60615

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Precision Brand Products, Inc. c/o Raymond Luchetti, Registered Agent 3500 Wolf Road Franklin Park, IL 60131-1321

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2250 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Principal Mfr. Co. c/o Norman S. Lynn, Registered Agent 660 LaSalle Place, Suite 3A Highland Park, IL 60035

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Rexnord Industries, Inc. c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent 208 South. LaSalle Street, Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws Property Located at 2400 Curtiss Street and 2232 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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RHI Holdings, Inc. / Fairchild Corporation c/o John L. Flynn, Registered Agent 45025 Aviation Drive, Suite 400 Dulles, VA 20166-7516

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

ServiceMaster International Ltd. c/o E. L. Olsen, Registered Agent 2300 Warrenville Road Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2300 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Spannagel Tool & Die c/o Brian Spannagel, Registered Agent 336 East Walnut Street Roselle, IL 60172

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2732 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Vaughan Seed Co. c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws Property Located at 5300 Katrine Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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White Lake Building Corporation c/o Richard A. Marvil, Registered Agent 22 West 782 Sycamore Drive Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
Notice of Suit CERCLA, RCRA, State Laws
Property Located at 2537 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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William Helwig c/o William Helwig, Registered Agent 8328 Millbrook Drive Downers Grove, IL 60516

RE: Soil/Groundwater Contamination in Downers Grove, Illinois
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Additionally, Tricon may bring an action against you for violation of Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 USC §9603(a). You were the person in charge of an onshore facility and have failed to notify the National Response Center of a release of a hazardous substance.

Tricon may bring actions under CERCLA in 60 days and will pursue all applicable remedies and relief available under CERCLA.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 7002 of RCRA, 42 USC §6972, Tricon intends to sue the above entity and/or individual for violations of RCRA and applicable regulations, and for contributing to conditions which may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to health or the environment. Specifically, the above entity and/or individual is or was the owner or operator of the property or otherwise contributed to the contamination. There may be other hazardous wastes, solid wastes or regulated substances which were also released at your property(ies) which present or may present an imminent and substantial threat to public health and the environment. Hazardous wastes and/or solid wastes and/or regulated substances have not been properly handled, stored, or disposed pursuant to the requirements of RCRA and regulations promulgated thereunder. The hazardous wastes and/or solid wastes and/or regulated substances remain and continue to migrate onto the Tricon property and downstream locations.

Tricon may bring an action pursuant to 42 USC §6972(a)(1)(A) in 60 days; and an action pursuant to 42 USC §6972(a)(1)(B) in 90 days.

State Claims

This notice also serves as your notice of Tricon's demand for removal and ejectment of the above entity's and/or individual's contaminants from Tricon's property. The toxic and dangerous chemicals from the above entity's and/or individual's facility have migrated across property boundaries and are now located in groundwater at Tricon's facility. Tricon hereby demands that, within 10 days, you remove all solvents and other chemicals, compounds which migrated from the above entity's and/or individual's facility. Upon the expiration of this 10-day period, Tricon will pursue state claims, including but not limited

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to negligence, nuisance, trespass, continuing intentional trespass and violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

Conclusion

The above claims may be combined with other federal or state statutory or regulatory actions, and with other common law actions. If we do not reach settlement with you before the notice periods of 60 and 90 days expire, Tricon Industries, Inc. will bring suit against you in federal court. I have been retained to represent Tricon in this matter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Carol M. Douglas

cc: Via Certified Mail:

Hon. Michael Leavitt, Administrator, USEPA

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